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REPORTS
OF THE
AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

UPPER GILMANTON

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1865.

LACONIA
J. B. BATCHELDER, PRINTER
1865



AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the account, orders and vouchers, presented to us by the Selectmen and Town Treasurer, and find the following to be the result:

We find the Treasurer has paid the following sums by order of the Selectmen:

Paid Outstanding Bills and Orders.

Paid J F Sawyer for bounty	\$216 58
C E Clay for bounty	54 29
C E Clay for bounty ,	54 52
C E Clay for bounty	109 03
J M Roberts for money hired	1000 00
J P Lawrence for J Ladd	6 47
J Wiggin for wood for widow S Fifield	18 75
J W Wells for revenue stamps and postage	3 04
J W Wells for A Russell	3 05
J W Wells for J C Smith	4 52
J Wiggin for house rent for J Ladd	21 00
J F Kimball for labor for A Russell	1 00
I Bennett for planks	50
A L Sanborn for Smith boy	2 00
G W Bachelder for bounty	59 65
N Wight for medical services for J P Hall and family	57 00
G Chase for labor for J Ladd family	1 25
J B Dearborn for bounty	75 00
D S Prescott medical aid for Mrs C Paul	1 00

Do, do, do.	3 45
A Prescott for money hired	64 61
J W Wells do do	5 00
C E Moody for bounty	227 19
J C Sweatt do do	24 00
J J Ladd for bounty	56 49
Do, do, do.	56 79
J W Wells for money hired	48 00
C Mooney do do	147 21
E French do do	211 00
Louisa Sanborn for money hired	344 50
A L Sanborn do do	180 63
J Rundlett do do	50 00
J B Dearborn for bounty	25 00
Do, do, do.	72 62
W Weymouth for money hired	30 00
G C Durrell for bounty	229 92
Do, do, do.	114 96
S Brown for money hired	50 00
J P Cilley for money hired	100. 00
J K Leonard do do	37 00
L L Clark timber for bridge	4 00
J F Lee for money hired	104 02
Do, do, do.	87 35
Do, do, do.	176 29
S W Leavitt for bounty	111 58
M C Lyford for money hired	204 60
S Hadley do do	381 36
T Fellows do do	236 38
J Bennett do dc	300 00
J W Wells Selectman's service in town	11 76
" " " " out of town	28 34
" " expenses out of town	31 32
" " Treasurer	15 90
" " money hired	106 42
" " paid to soldiers families	13 72
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	5580 00

Paid for Roads and Bridges.

Paid J F Kimball for labor on bridge	\$1 50
J E Page do do	18 75
A L Bean do do	1 75

J Y Weymouth lumber for bridge	11 75
C D Bryant labor on bridge	2 00
N F Foster labor and lumber for bridge	21 75
J Knowles lumber for bridge	23 40
I C Akeley labor on highway	4 00
S W Eaton labor on bridge	1 50
J B Dearborn for guide post	50
D T Robinson labor on bridge	4 37
A Chapman labor and lumber for bridge	9 49
G R Smith labor and lumber for road & bridge	10 10
J O Stevens labor on bridges	6 25
Brown & Dearborn lumber for bridge	6 07
J C Cilley labor on roads and bridges	17 58
L K Clough for bridge	1 39
J W Chapman lumber for bridge	3 00
T T Judkins labor on bridge	7 87
C Shephard for covering stone	9 00
J W Farrar do do	3 12
J C Pearsens covering stone and labor on road	5 50
S B Knowles for bridge plank	5 10
J C Foster labor and lumber for bridges	25 90
D T French for bridge plank	8 39
C B Gile labor on bridge	4 38
D Folsom lumber for highway	1 92
J S Weymouth bridge plank	6 82
B J Cate labor on bridge	6 13
A L Sanborn for bridge plank	4 20
A W Brown for building culvert	45 00
G Chase for covering stone	3 72

	\$282 11

Paid for Poor.

Paid L Sauborn for Smith boy	\$25 00
Do. do. do.	3 60
C D Bryant for wood for A Russell	4 00
J Sauborn for J C Smith	17 43
J Sanborn for A Russell	4 88
G H Gilman for wood for widow S Fifield	1 15
J L Keasor for rent of Patterson place	45 00
J L Keasor damage to house	10 00
X Hall for widow S Fifield	1 20

E Varney for B Libby	31 50
Wm Sanborn for Smith girl	8 25
S L Leavitt for R Smith	3 16
N F Foster wood for J C Smith	9 00
W Hadley for C Rollins	19 05
D Folsom for J C Smith	9 00
J C Cilley for A Russell	1 43
J L Dalton do do	86
G R Judkins for J C Smith	50
N C Dalton for labor for A Russell	4 25
B Hunt do do do	1 30
J C Cilley funeral expenses of A Russell	17 08
G D Chandler for J C Smith	80
W H Dalton for A Russell	4 75
G R Smith labor for J C Smith	5 00
J O Stevens wood for J C Smith	6 00
H Clough labor for A Russell	3 75
P Clark for J C Smith	1 20
J C Cilley do do	4 50
T T Judkins labor for J C Smith	8 25
J Wiggin for J Ladd children	10 00
J Wiggin sawing wood for widow S Fifield	7 25
I Bennett for widow J Ladd	6 50
Parker Brothers for widow S Fifield	2 62
G R Smith wood and labor for J C Smith	10 00
H Clough for widow A Russell	10 00
" " "	29 00
U Lamprey for J C Smith	10 62
N D Garmon for widow S Fifield	14 63
" J C Smith	35 71
S L Currier labor for A Russel	2 00
R P Willard for R Smith and child	18 50
G Chase wood and labor for wid. S Fifield	28 25
D M Page for Emery girl	12 00
S Sanborn house rent for widow J Ladd	3 75
B M Sanborn for widow J Ladd	7 00
T T Judkins labor for J C Smith	75
Parker Brothers supplies for poor	1 34
I Allen for shingle for widow S Fifield	7 00
I Bennett for J C Smith	10 51
" " B Libby	20 00
I Bartlett for J C Smith	6 00

L Ladd for J Ladd	2 00
J W Farrar for widow S Fifield	2 00
J S Towle do do	2 09
Folsom & Smith for J C Smith	5 50
J M Roberts for Ladd children	6 00
Parker Brothers for widow S Fifield	5 00
A W Brown for widow J. Ladd	2 50
J C Foster for wood for J C Smith	3 50
D Folsom do do	5 50
J Wiggin for J Ladd children	15 00
A L Saiborn for Smith boy	10 00
E French for J C Smith	3 60
N D Garmon for A Russell	1 35
" " widow S Fifield	7 44
" " J C Smith	15 12
B Clark for Smith boy	10 00
Parker Brothers for widow J Ladd	8 17
" " J C Smith	2 74
J J Ladd for moving widow J. Ladd	1 50
J H Sweatt for widow S Stevens	23 00

	\$637 24

Paid Current Expenses.

Paid N D Garmon for notifying jurors	\$1 50
" " watering trough	3 00
" " use of hall	10 00
" " board of Selectmen	65 25
J B Batchelder for printing check list	9 75
J C Cilley for greenbacks	8 80
" " revenue stamps	8 45
" " expenses of taking men to Portsmouth to reduce quota of town	80 30
J B Batchelder for printing town report	22 00
W Butterfield for blanks	2 50
G P Lyon for books and stationery	7 09
D L Guernsey for books	1 51
N D Garmon for board of Selectmen	12 00
E Keasor for services as Auditor	3 00
State tax	1415 00
J B Lamprey for locating school-house in district No. 12	5 50

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C W Eaton for money hired	50 00
A D Leighton for school-house in dis. No. 12	60 00
J M Folsom labor for town	2 00
J L Parsons for school-house in dis. No. 2	5 50
County tax	518 08
E A Hibbard for affidavit	1 00
D B Nelson do do	2 00
I A Eastman for counsel fee	2 00
J Rundlett for interest on town order	6 00
I Beanett " money hired	32 00
R Rundlett for watering trough	3 00
E Lougee for money hired	150 00
Savings Bank interest on money hired	45 00
J Bennett " "	82 50
" greenbacks	37 90
" revenue stamps	17 67
J M Roberts for transient paupers	4 50
I A Eastman for connsel fee	1 00
G P Lyon for books	50
J Bennett for money paid out at Concord and Portsmouth for putting in volunteers and substitutes	121 30
Several school districts	654 98
John W Welles interest on money hired	28 19
N D Garmon collecting taxes	27 78
J W Welles money hired	75 00
Interest on town orders	4 50
" "	3 00
	\$3592 11

Abatement of Taxes.

J O Cotton	\$1 00
Lemisa Saiborn	5 57
Wm. A Chase	2 76
H Chapman taxes for 1859	2 28
S Page	3 00
N D Garmon	15 60
" discount on taxes	10 00
	\$40 21

Paid Physicians Bill.

Paid W A Bucklin for widow J Ladd	\$1 00
" " J C Smith	20 75
" " A Russell	2 37
N Wight for A Russell and wife	18 75
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	\$42 87

Paid Town Officers.

Paid I Bennett services as Selectman in town	\$57 70
I Bennett do do out of town	29 75
I Bennett services in putting in volunteers and substitutes	152 00
J M Roberts services as Selectman in town	61 00
J M Roberts do do out of town	42 75
J C Cilley services as Selectman in town	54 98
J C Cilley do do out of town	80 41
N D Garmon services as Town Clerk	29 94
J W Wells services as Town Treasurer	15 00
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	\$523 53

Paid for Soldiers.

Paid S Clogston for one volunteer	\$280 00
I Beunett for eleven volunteers	5135 00
" volunteers	4200 00
" volunteers	3655 60
" sub. for D T French	250 00
" State bounty	600 00
" subs. and volunteers	£300 00
S Emery for becoming volunteer	35 00
N L Jewell for volunteer	275 00
J S Leavitt for one volunteer	275 00
J C Cochran do do	260 00
C S Sheldon for two volunteers	430 00
S H Chase for one volunteer	250 00
J G Yetton do do	265 00
" " "	130 00
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	\$19340 60

Funds of the Town.

Parsonage Fund	224 97
Literary Fund	81 76

Treasurer's Account.

John W. Wells, Treasurer, in account with the town of
Upper Gilmanton

		Dr.
To am't due town on settlement Feb. 29, 1864	\$861 78	I C Akely 200 00
Received of State	124 00	D Sweatt 200 00
Stephen Emery	400 00	B Fifield 50 00
State	248 00	S Hadley 50 00
Mary A Perkins	100 00	B P Leavitt 50 00
T Clark	60 00	J B Durrell 100 00
S Page	100 00	C E Plumer 50 00
N M Bean	20 00	S S Young 120 00
A J Farrar	120 00	J P Hill 485 00
S L Rundlett	75 00	M A Lougee 18 00
J Chase	100 00	J S Towle 100 00
J T Judkins	100 00	R Plumer 79 00
State	248 00	J Plumer 90 00
M H Sweatt	100 00	N Ellsworth 50 00
D Sawyer	700 00	J C Mason 100 00
L L Clark	100 00	J W Welles 200 00
C P Clay	217 84	J Lane 100 00
"	100 00	J S Weymouth 50 00
"	500 00	L Ladd 275 00
G W Rundlett	300 00	J Leavitt 850 00
C Forrest	100 00	B L Plumer 410 00
L A Johnson	85 00	O J Rundlett 40 00
C Shepard	75 00	O Rundlett 170 00
J P Lawrence	300 00	M J Page 100 00
S Hadley	381 00	P Page 25 00
M Norris	85 00	M C Lyford 200 00
E G Folsom	300 00	C Mooney 147 21
W Lamprey	100 00	C Shepard 150 00
E G Folsom	320 00	N F Foster 60 00
S Hadley	100 00	Parsonage fund 69 06
		S Page 200 00
		G W Norris 15 00

J O Cotton	50 00	Railroad tax	75 08
N B Gale	500 00	E S Price	100 00
R S Ladd	250 00	B B Lamprey	40 00
A Green	500 00	C E Plumer	250 00
J R Sawyer	75 00	I Allen	60 00
I Allen	240 00	L L Clark	30 00
N B Gale	275 00	N Rundlett, jr	200 00
B P Gale	650 00	D M Page	50 00
J Tucker	100 00	S Moulton	80 00
S Hadley	75 00	L Ladd	50 00
L Sanborn	50 00	F W Ladd	100 00
Literary money	81 76	A L Bean	100 00
S Brown	225 00	E French	50 00
B Fifield	199 00	L M Merrill	50 00
T Fellows	336 38	T L Fuller	125 00
N M Bean	100 00	L Sanborn	50 00
S Lamprey	200 00	A E Bartlett	100 00
J Leavitt	35 00	J S Young	150 00
J M Stevens	1000 00	Savings Bauk	1500 00
L Plumer	57 00	J S Towle	120 00
D Varney	425 00	J T Judkins	50 00
E Lougee	467 66	State	120 00
J Plumer	30 00	J F Lamprey	500 00
J P Hill	200 00	J B Durrell	500 00
A R Price	500 00	C J Sanboru	125 00
G Swain	200 00	J W Farrar	85 00
J E Page	100 00	J M Batchelder	25 00
M Kimball	150 00	J W Farrar	80 00
M L Moulton	30 00	A J Farrar	120 00
M A Perkins	40 00	S Farrar	50 00
J M Knowles	20 00	B L Plumer	70 00
I C Akely	175 00	C P Clay	600 00
C Shepard	100 00	I Bennett	400 00
C Forrest	100 00	G F Sanborn	150 00
T Clark	140 00	N F Foster	155 00
Cash received from sale of produce from Patterson farm			\$54 66
From sale of personal estate of A Russell			29 28
Cash hired of J J Ladd			38 00
" " S Clark			243 58
" " J C Cilley			161 30
" " I Bennett			646 73

" " S Piper	100 00
" " C W Eaton	100 00
Amount of taxes assessed for 1864	4630 28
" " " in district No. 12	62 09
" " " 2	6 24
Received of State for money paid the soldiers families	1218 14
Received of Sanbornton by J C Cilley	8 75
Received of J Holmes by J C Cilley for violating contract for money	25 00
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	\$32034 82

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Paid outstanding bills and orders	5580 00
roads and bridges	282 11
poor	637 24
current expenses	3592 11
abatement of taxes	40 21
physicians bills	42 87
town officers	523 53
soldiers	19340 60
State aid	1025 40
cash on hand	970 75
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	\$32034 82

JOHN W. WELLS, Treasurer.

ISAAC BENNETT, } Selectmen
 JOHN M. ROBERTS, } of
 JAMES C. CILLEY. } U. Gilmanton.

MARCH 1, 1865.

The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched and a balance due the town of the sum of nine hundred seventy dollars and seventy-five cents.

JOHN C. PEARSONS, }
 JOSEPH S. LEAVITT } Auditors.
 JOHN MATHEWS. }

Indebtedness of the Town March 1, '65.

We find the town indebted for outstanding orders as follows:

	Principal.	Interest
Edmond Keasor	400 00	98 41
Eliza M Gilman	350 00	80 35
Lydia L Clark	191 13	38 89
D P Leonard	125 00	3 44
D P Leonard	200 00	5 50
D P Leonard	275 00	7 57
J W Wells	83 00	10 25
Jonathan Rundlett	50 00	75
Stacy Brown	175 00	3 88
J P Cilley	100 00	12 33
Benj S Russell	25 00	4 09
Lydia L Clark	50 00	4 96
James C Cilley	80 00	12 20
John E Page	200 00	30 22
Daniel Tucker	200 00	30 22
N D Garmon	200 00	30 22
D P Leonard	100 00	1 75
Lucy A Eaton	30 00	4 46
John R Sawyer	300 00	35 33
S L Taylor	120 00	17 83
Edmond Keasor	500 00	75 55
Elenezer French	100 00	14 86
Samuel Hadley	100 00	14 86
Eliza M Smith	500 00	71 80
Sophia C Hill	140 00	19 60
Samuel Hadley	70	10 05
Nancy Norris	84 18	12 08
B S Russell	70	10 05
Joseph A Fellows	100	14 36
Joseph A Fellows	102	14 38
Stephen L Taylor	2 50	
E A Rowe	300	42 30
N B Rowe	100	14 10
Sally Page	200	27 36
Hannah Forrest	175	22 51
Sarah E Hadley	50	6 48

I Bennett	446	13	55	14
"	5		62	
"	12	25	1	51
"	29	25	3	61
J W Wells	7		77	
H P Brown	100		10	25
B B Lamprey	15		1	54
Charles Forrest	100		8	00
G M Page	100		8	00
L L Clark	620		49	60
I C Akely	125		10	00
Treasurer of parsonage fund	50		1	00
J L Keasor	200		16	00
"	200		16	00
B P Gale	250		20	00
B S Russell	160		12	80
John Cate	300		22	50
M L Gilman	100		7	00
Samuel Hadley	90		6	75
D Mooney	800		22	50
F S Fifield	25		1	88
C S Fifield	80		6	00
N F Foster	135		10	13
B Gilman	100		7	50
M A Perkins	200		15	00
M H Swatt	100		7	50
J S Towle	70		5	25
B B Lamprey	40		3	00
S N Jewett	100		7	50
J H Sweatt	40		3	30
Osgood Rundlett	150		10	50
E Keasor	800		21	
Betsey Gilman	200		14	
J Leavitt	375		26	25
B P Leavitt	200		14	
J T Mooney	1000		65	
John Chase	100		5	50
Sally Page	100		5	72
M A Perkins	100		5	75
Thomas Clark	60		3	43
J T Judkins	100		5	50

M H Sweatt	100	5 50
N M Bean	20	1 10
David Sawyer	700	38 50
S L Rundlett	75	4 18
A J Farrar	120	6 60
L L Clark	100	5 50
C P Clay	500	26 75
"	217	84 11 04
"	100	5 35
G W Rundlett	300	16 00
Chas Forrest	100	5 25
L A Johnson	85	4 35
Calvin Shepard	75	3 84
J P Lawrence	800	15 35
Samuel Hadley	381	30 19 38
Nancy Norris	85	3 51
E G Folsom	300	12 40
"	320	12 23
Uriah Lamprey	100	4 13
Samuel Hadley	100	4 13
John O Cotton	50	2 07
N B Gale	500	20 67
R S Ladd	250	10 34
Amelia Green	500	20 67
John R Sawyer	75	3 10
I Allen	240	9 91
N B Gale	275	9 50
B P Gale	650	24 81
John Tucker	100	3 82
Samuel Hadley	75	2 87
L Sanborn	50	1 91
Benj Fifield	199	7 21
Thos Fellows	336	38 12 16
N M Bean	100	3 62
L W Morrill	125	4 48
Laconia Savings Bank	1500	
Chas W Eaton	50	
Sarah Piper	100	2 75
Samuel Lamprey	200	6 70
J Leavitt	35	1 23
J M Stevens	1000	34 17
L Plumer	57	1 75

D Varney	425	14 53
J Plumer	80	1 05
J P Hill	200	6 83
Amos R Price	500	17 08
G Swain	200	6 70
J E Page	100	3 35
M Kimball	150	5 25
M L Moulton	80	1 05
M A Perkins	40	1 40
Calvin Shepard	100	3 50
I C Akely	175	6 13
J M Knowles	20	70
Chas Forrest	100	3 50
E S Price	100	3 43
B B Lamprey	40	1 86
C E Plumer	250	8 48
Isaac Allen	60	2 04
L L Clark	80	1 02
N Rundlett, Jr	200	6 47
D M Page	50	1 75
Susan Moulton	85	2 73
L Ladd	50	1 75
F W Ladd	100	3 50
A L Bean	100	3 50
E French	50	1 75
L M Merrill	50	1 75
T L Fuller	125	4 38
Lowell Sanborn	50	1 75
A E Bartlett	100	3 50
J S Young	150	4 80
J T Judkins	50	1 53
J S Towle	120	4 42
J F Lamprey	500	13 42
J B Durrell	500	14 33
G W Currier	3 50	
"	6 75	
C J Sanborn	125	3 13
J M Batchelder	25	47
J W Farrar	80	97
A J Farrar	120	1 64
Sally Farrar	50	68

J W Farrar	85	2 13
B L Plumer	70	95
C P Clay	600	3 40
I Bennett	400	4 87
G F Sanborn	150	1 91
N F Foster	155	1 94
Thos C Clark	140	1 84
I Akely	200	2 43
D Swett	200	2 23
B Fifield	50	61
Samuel Hadley	50	53
B P Leavitt	50	25
J B Durrell	100	1 03
C E Plumer	50	53
S S Young	120	74
J P Hill	485	4 93
M A Lougee	18	19
J S Towle	100	73
Richard Plumer	79	84
Joseph Plumer	90	96
N Ellsworth	50	53
J C Mason	100	83
J W Wells	200	1 87
J S Weymouth	50	48
Joshua Lane	100	1 10
Osgood Rundlett	170	99
Elisha Lougee	317 66	12 13
M J Page	100	35
Orrin J Rundlett	40	23
B L Plumer	410	2 87
J Leavitt	350	2 63
L Ladd	275	2 13
Peggy Page	25	.09
M C Lyford	20	.57
Ira Mooney	3	
"	2	
"	1 50	
Caroline Mooney	147 21	25
Calvin Shepard	150	26
N F Foster	60	10
J H Swett	20	45

Sally Page	200	33
Samuel Clark	243 58	17
J P Cilley	56	05
J P Cilley	1 50	
Joseph Plumer	40	03
J J Ladd	38	44
J C Cilley	161 30	08
Isaac Bennett	646 73	55
J P Hall	4	
Isaac Bennett	2 08	
"	2 58	
G W Norris	15	03
John O Cotton	100	14 14
C E McCartney	50	7 07
J C Rundlett	100	14 14
C A Bryant	100	14 14
S L Taylor	50	7 10
"	100	14 20
C E McCartney	50	7 06
Morrill Bean	150	13 13
A J Farrar	200	25 29
"	100	12 64
W H Lamprey	200	25 29
J B Bean	100	12 64
O J Rundlett	200	25 29
J C Swett	200	89
W H Littlefield	200	25 29
"	100	12 64
S N Ellsworth	100	12 64
"	200	25 29
W Weymouth	200	1 00
J W Wells	48 20	2 89
Parsonage fund	69 06	1 28
	\$38404 84	\$2246 72

Claims Due the Town.

Cash in the hands of the town Treasurer	\$970 75
Due from State for money paid soldiers families	732 60
J D Bean	13 00
U. S. for bounties paid to soldiers	2930 00

Due from Daniel T French	250 00
State for bounties paid to soldiers	600 00
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	5496 35

Amount of outstanding orders	38404 84
And interest on the same	2246 52-\$40661 36
Claims due the town	5496 35
Leaving indebtedness of town over means	35165 01

Paid for substitutes for the following persons :

Harlan P Ladd	\$300 00	Daniel T French	300 00
Henry W Gilman	300 00	Thomas E Ladd	300 00
Andrew L Sanborn	300 00	Arthur S Ladd	300 00
Elbridge G P Ladd	300 00	For volunteers	16640 60
Jason J Ladd	300 00		<hr/>
Seth Flanders	300 00		19340 60

For soldiers prior to March 1, '64	14310 00
For soldiers since March 1, '64	19340 60
Interest on same to March 1, '65	2592 62-\$36243 22
	35165 01
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Leaving the town over means aside from the war debt	1078 21
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Number of men furnished by the town for the war to
March 1, 1865, 134 men.

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Of the Superintending School Committee of Upper Gilmanton.

Your Committee in the discharge of his duties, has visited the schools in town the usual number of times, making such suggestions to teachers and scholars, as seemed to be suited to their various wants. Upon reviewing the twenty-one terms during the year, we find that fourteen of them can appropriately be denominated good schools. Some of them excelled in almost every point which serves to constitute a first class school. It would be very difficult to improve them, under our present school system. They were model schools. Two were not visited at the close, consequently we are not able to speak of their merits. The remaining five were medium, except one, which we regard as a failure. This improvement in the character of our schools over last year, is attributable mainly, to the wise selection of teachers. We congratulate the Prudential Committees upon their good success in performing this very important part of their duty, and hope they will not relax their efforts in the future.

In the detailed report, we have briefly presented the condition of each school, based upon its appearance when visited, without stating who should be praised, or censured. We remark in general terms upon this point; that, the order of a school depends almost entirely upon the teacher. Parents are not accustomed to interfere with the order of their schools. Your Committee has been ready to enforce the law in regard to refractory scholars, when every other means have failed. (but happily no such case has occurred). For these reasons we feel justified in saying, that, where a want of order has been found, it was the fault of the teacher. The degree of thoroughness manifested in a school, generally depends upon the teacher; for whether a scholar is quick or slow to learn, he can usually be kept upon a subject until he understands it. It is the practice of some teachers to allow their pupils to go about half through with an answer, or an explanation, and then finish it for them. The scholars regard this as a kindness, and the teacher, perhaps, intends it as such. We have known entire examinations to be conducted in this way. Such a course is a fault in the teacher. The interest manifested by the scholars, regularity of attendance, and advancement made, depend upon influences which are not wholly under the teacher's control.

Many of our schools are too short to be of much profit. Five districts have had, on an average, ten weeks of schooling each during the year, and eleven scholars each. It needs no argument to

show that such schools but poorly answer the purpose for which town schools are designed. If the town was properly districted, nine districts would be better than the present twelve. Some families might suffer inconvenience, but this would be more than compensated by the greater amount of schooling enjoyed. Better send a mile and a half, to a school of sufficient length to be of some benefit, than be so early deprived of advantages for educating the youth, as we are in many districts. A school of thirty pupils, in a convenient house, under the charge of a competent teacher, affords greater advantages than one of ten. There would be more spirit, vivacity and emulation among the scholars, their acumen more enhanced, and a more decided advance in study, intelligence and mental discipline, the result. Some persons consider it a great advantage to live near a school-house, whether there is a school in it or not. The present is no time to make unusual expenditures, but when it becomes necessary to rebuild, or repair school houses it would be well to give the subject of uniting districts a careful consideration. If such school districts as can receive additional scholars without inconvenience (and at present there are but two that cannot) would allow scholars from adjoining districts to attend their schools, they would bestow a favor that would cost them nothing. This is probably the most feasible plan that can be immediately adopted for increasing the facilities for general education. It will be a matter of surprise to many, to learn that some of our schools are wholly destitute of dictionaries; and that most of them have only one, which is the property of the teacher. Every scholar that is able to read in the third reader, should be provided with a copy of some modern dictionary, and be required to refer to it for the definition, pronunciation and spelling of words that they do not understand. Teach them early to inquire, investigate, and criticise for themselves.

The importance of the subject is our only excuse for again calling attention to irregularity of attendance. The average is 85 per cent of the whole attendance. Thus 15 per cent of our schooling is lost in this way. Add to this the 10.8 instances of tardiness and dismissal, together with the loss of interest and general disarrangement of the schools caused by it, and we have a loss that no sane person would allow in regard to any other subject. Much as we desire the improvement of our school system by whatever means are most practicable, we desire even more, that our present advantages be *fully enjoyed*; but they never can be while scholars are allowed to absent themselves from school upon a slight pretext. Much of this arises from the want of proper care and **government by parents.**

The tardy scholar is the careless, listless, lazy, indifferent scholar. It shows an imperfect knowledge of the laws which govern cause and effect, when parents allow their children to be irregular in attendance at school, and then complain of their teacher because they do not learn as they ought. We believe there has been a greater loss of time and money in this way than in all others combined during the two years past. Parents must remedy this difficulty if it is ever remedied. For the particular standing of the several schools, see tabular statement and detailed report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Upper Gilmanton, Feb. 25, 1865

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Names of Teachers. Name

Time of 600m. 600b
No. of Diffracts

* Board gratuitously furnished. † This check shows the number of additional books necessary to furnish each scholar with a copy of the books he has studied.



